

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Pryor, Moses, Crawford, GiaQuinta

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Charles B. Redd for his service to the city of Fort Wayne, the state of Indiana, and civil rights causes.

Whereas, Mr. Redd has spent his entire life in service to mankind; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd began working for the Urban League of Fort Wayne in 1968; and,

Whereas, while employed by the Urban League of Fort Wayne through 1974, Mr. Redd assisted the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Fort Wayne Branch of the NAACP in their service as advocates for public school desegregation and helped organize "freedom schools" for children to attend during the boycott of Fort Wayne Community Schools; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd represented the 1st District on the Fort



Wayne City Council from 1984 to 1992 and served as council president for two consecutive years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd retired as chairman of the Indiana Democratic African-American Caucus and has been recognized as an outstanding civil rights leader by the Democratic Party through the creation of the Charles B. Redd Honorary Fair Share Declaration, a list of goals for minority inclusion; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd was the first to be honored with the "Key to the Fort" award from Mayor Tom Henry of Fort Wayne for Redd's 40 years of extraordinary commitment to the community through a lifetime of stewardship and involvement; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd received an honorary doctorate degree from Cornerstone Christian Bible College; and,

Whereas, Mr. Redd will be recognized by the Fort Wayne Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute for his many contributions in furthering civil rights causes throughout the state of Indiana; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the State of Indiana owes a great debt to this outstanding citizen for his tireless efforts to bring equality to all men and for his untiring service to the city of Fort Wayne and its citizens.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Charles Redd and his family.

